GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC IN KARNATAKA EXPRESS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steep increase in passenger traffic in the Karnataka Express running between Bangalore and New Delhi;

(b) whether there is persistent demand by Karnataka for introducing Shatabdi Express Bangalore and New Delhi;

(c) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to introduce this train by the end of 2001;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not , the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): During the period April 2001 to October 2001 ,the number of passengers booked has indicated an approximate increase of 1 % and 5 % on Train Nos. 2627 Bangalore- New Delhi Karnataka Express and 2628 New Delhi -Bangalore KarnatakaExpress respectively, in comparison to the corresponding period of previous year. However, the number of passengers booked had indicated an approximate increase of 3 % on Train No. 2627 and 15% on Train No. 2628 during the year 2000-01 over 1999-2000.

(b) to (e): Request from Shri Putta Swamy Gowda,M P was received in this regard. Shatabdi Expresses are superfast intercity services having only sitting accommodation. These trains leave a particular station in the morning and return in the same evening, having running time upto 8 hours each way. Shatabdi type services are, therefore, neither suitable nor operationally feasible for stations as far apart as Delhi and Bangalore.